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Sir:

In reply to the April 7, 2004 final Office Action, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1-18 are pending in this application.

The Examiner is thanked for the many courtesies extended to Applicant's attorney in attempting to schedule and conduct a personal interview. Applicant respectfully submit this response in lieu of a personal interview to expedite prosecution of the application in view of the Examiner's limited availability.

Claims 1-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,412,070 to Van Dyke et al. (hereafter, "Van Dyke") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,275,825 to Kobayashi et al. (hereafter, "Kobayashi"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.